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In re Application of: T. Hoshida, et al.
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Examiner: C. M. Nguyen
Title: *Method and System for Transmitting Information in an Optical Communication System Using Distributed Amplification*

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In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following remarks.